Abstract of the Disclosure

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A stump grinding mechanism includes a disc having recesses formed in an outer peripheral surface thereof. Peripheral cutting assemblies are mounted in respective recesses. Each cutting assembly includes a holder fixed in the recess, and a cutter tooth mounted in the holder. The cutter tooth includes a shank extending through the holder and secured thereto by a nut. The nut is disposed within a pocket of the holder to be shielded during a cutting operation. The holder includes gauge marks to facilitate a proper angular orienting of the cutting assembly within the recess. Some of the cutter teeth have flat cutter faces optimized for cutting wood fiber, whereas others of the cutter teeth have cutter faces defined by converging surface portions to be optimized for cutting/displacing rocks.